

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18674

This legislation is proposed to contain Medicaid costs and reduce reimbursement and benefits to align with Medicaid's budget constraints. Changes include both short-term and on-going reductions. The on-going reductions intend to provide for sustainable cost controls. Changes include: reductions in skilled nursing home rates, a freeze on intermediate care facility rates, a freeze on physician and dental reimbursement, the removal of the non-emergency medical transportation benefit from the Basic Plan, and the addition of disproportionate share payments to the hospital assessment calculation. These reductions reflect a significant share of the overall reductions needed in the Medicaid program. While almost identical to RS 18565, important changes have been added based on discussions with the Idaho Hospital Association. These changes preserve the fiscal impact and policy intent.

FISCAL NOTE

\$10,357,300 general fund reduction, \$18,552,200 total fund reduction

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